(a) whether Government propose to bring a comprehensive legislation for conducting the hearing of rape cases in camera;

(b) whether victims of rape cases have to face shameful situation at present during the hearing and operational process in rape cases;

(c) the main features of the proposed legislation; and

(d) by when it is likely to be brought ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) to (d) Since provisions already exist in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for conducting trial of rape cases 'in camera' as also for preventing printing or publishing of any matter relating to such trials, there is no proposal for any fresh legislation in this regard.

Terrorism in J and K

2824. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidents of terrorism in the Kashmir Valley;

(b) if so, the number of incidents taken place during the year as on-date;

(c) the steps taken to contain terrorism in the valley; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) There have been continued efforts on the part of Pak ISI and Pro-Pak militant outfits to induct more mercenaries from across the border into J and K, with a view to escalate violence. During 2000, 679 incidents of terrorist violence have occurred up to 31-3-2000 in the State of J and K.

(c) and (d) To contain terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through and institutional framework of operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces.

Steps are being taken to flush out militants and curb militant activities including close vigil on border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.

CBI to Report CVC in Defence Deals

2825. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Vigilance Commission has asked CBI to report to them on all acts of commission and omission in defence deals in the CBI's knowledge as a result of earlier investigations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Security Arrangement in Assam-Burma Border

2826. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of heavily armed ULFA militants have recently entered into Assam from Burma Border;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into the laxity in the security arrangements enabling the terrorists to cross the border;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) There are reports that some ULFA militants have entered into Assam from Myanmar.

(b) to (d) the international border with Myanmar is highly porous. There is no information of any laxity of the existing security arrangements on the Indo-Myanmar Border.